

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

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In the August 13, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Barnet et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,369,840 B1 (hereinafter the Barnet reference). The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being obvious over the Barnet reference as applied to claims 1-8 and 11-19 above. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The present invention relates generally to computer networks, and more specifically, to moving information within networks.

Amended Independent claim 1 recites:

A system for automatically updating a predetermined personal calendar linked to a network, comprising:

a first server linked to the network;

a second server linked to the first server, to store an events page;

a third server, linked to the first server and the second server to edit the events page;

a locator linked to the network, the locator being configured to receive update data from the third server and locate the predetermined personal calendar; and

a fifth server linked to the network and to the predetermined calendar, wherein the fifth server receives the update data from the locator, and the fifth server **automatically updates the predetermined personal calendar in accordance with the update data.**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by the Barnet reference. The Barnet reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest a system for **automatically updating a predetermined personal calendar** linked to a network as specified in amended independent claim 1. Unlike the system specified in amended claim 1, the Barnet reference does not show a system that **“automatically updates the predetermined personal calendar in accordance with the update data”**.

The Barnet reference suggests that the prior art suffers from various deficiencies by stating “such applications do not generally provide the ability to **import** event information from outside sources on a category-by-category basis, and then to **select** individual events from selected categories for inclusion in a **user's personal calendar**.

Furthermore, such applications do not provide a multi-layered calendaring system wherein events belonging to different categories and **selected by a user** can be overlaid on one another in a single integrated calendar.” (Col. 2, lines 2-10.) The Barnet reference further describes the prior art deficiencies by stating “none of these

calendaring systems allow **a user to select** a category of events, **and subsequently add** individual events from the category to a personal calendar.” (Col. 2, lines 23-26.)

The Barnet reference then describes what is needed to overcome these deficiencies “what is further needed is a calendaring application that permits **a user to select categories of events** that are of interest, and which provides features allowing **a user to add selected events from those categories to his or her personal calendar.**” (Col. 2, lines 33-37.)

The Barnet reference summarizes the invention by stating “there is provided a multi-layered online calendaring and purchasing system and method which allows a user to specify categories of events, to view events belonging to the specified categories from outside sources, and **to add selected events from the outside sources to a personal calendar.**” (Col. 2, lines 51-56.)

The Barnet reference then describes in detail how the user makes selections stating “the user can subscribe to the displayed event category by clicking on Tracker button 702. Events from the event category will then appear on the Favorite Events screens 313-315, as described below. In addition, in one embodiment **the user can add individual events to his or her personal calendar** without subscribing to the event category, by clicking on a button within the event detail page (not shown), or on a button (not shown) on screen 324 or 323.” (Col. 11, lines 28-35.)

The Barnet reference further states “A checkbox 904 is provided for each event 903. **The user can add an event 903 to his or her personal calendar** by clicking on the associated check-box 904 and clicking on button 807. Other mechanisms may be provided for adding individual events, or groups of events to the user’s personal

calendar. The particular user interface configuration to be used may depend on the characteristics of the network on which system 100 is implemented.” (Col. 12, lines 8-15.)

The Barnet reference essentially teaches that the user must manually update his/her personal calendar with update data, the update being **automatically imported** to the user from an outside source. The Barnet reference does not teach automatically updating a predetermined personal calendar with the update data.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as amended, distinguishes over the above-cited reference. Claims 2-10 all depend, directly or indirectly, from amended independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-10 distinguish over the above-cited reference for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

Independent claims 11 and 16, as amended, recite limitations similar to amended independent claim 1. Specifically, claims 11 and 16 recite “automatically updates the predetermined personal calendar in accordance with the update data”. Therefore, independent claims 11 and 16, as amended, also distinguish over the above-cited reference for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

Claims 12-15 and 16-19 all depend, directly or indirectly, from amended independent claims 11 and 16, respectively. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-15 and 16-19 distinguish over the above-cited reference for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being obvious over the Barnet reference as applied to claims 1-8 and 11-19 above. As discussed above, independent claim 1, as amended, distinguishes over the above-cited reference. Claims 9 and 10 depend directly from independent claim 1, as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9 and 10 distinguish over the above-cited reference for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

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